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FROM THE AMBASSADOR FOR DEP UNDER SECRETARY READ

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MODE, NO
SUBJECT: MODE REVIEW, AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANT

REF: STATE 277164

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEGRAM I HAVE REVIEWED THE ACTIVITIES
OF THE AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANT SLOT (LEBORG - POSITION E-06).
AS THIS POST HAS RECOMMENDED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS IN THE PAST YEAR,
(MOST RECENTLY IN OSLO 4041) I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS SLOT IS JUSTIFIED.

2. THE AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANT'S TASKS ARE IN MY VIEW OF MARGINAL
IMPORTANCE TO US INTERESTS IN NORWAY. HE IS EMPLOYED ALMOST
EXCLUSIVELY IN UPDATING PERIODIC SUBMISSIONS ON AGRICULTURAL
STATISTICS THROUGH THE AGRICULTURE ATTACHE IN COPENHAGEN TO FAS/W.
MOST OF THE DATA HE WORKS WITH COME FROM PUBLISHED GOVERNMENT
AND INDUSTRY SOURCES. MOST OF THE REPORTS ARE IN MY VIEW WORTHLESS --

COVERING SUCH THINGS AS THE NORWEGIAN ANNUAL PEAR CROP. IF THESE
REPORTS ARE NECESSARY AT ALL, THEY COULD WELL BE GATHERED
IN WASHINGTON -- USING THE SAME PUBLISHED SOURCES WHICH ARE FOR
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THE MOST PART AVAILABLE THERE. PERHAPS 20 PERCENT OF THE AGRICUL-
TURAL ASSISTANT'S TIME IS SPENT IN ROUTINE PRODUCT PROMOTION AND
IN MAINTAINING OR EXTENDING EMBASSY AGRICULTURAL CONTACTS.
THIS WORK WHICH I CONSIDER PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE GIVEN THE VOLUME
OF OUR AGRICULTURAL EXPORT TO NORWAY, COULD EASILY BE HANDLED
BY THE SECTION'S ECONOMIC SPECIALIST AND BY OUR NEW JUNIOR
COMMERCIAL SPECIALIST IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTION.

3. SINCE THE PRESENT INCUMBENT IS ELIGIBLE FOR IMMEDIATE
RETIREMENT, I RECOMMEND THE POSITION OF AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST
BE ABOLISHED WITH A TARGET DATE OF JUNE 1, 1978.
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